Parks & Recreation Department

Administration Office



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board Minutes of February 8, 2021

Present: Eric Abeles, Marshall Newsome, Brian Petty, Ed Price, Bryon Stricklin

Absent: Jerry Archie, Lauren Britton, Gary Ollis, Monica Peters,

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Colten Marble, Eugene Coleman, Jessi Heffner



Call to Order / Welcome

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

New Business

Lee Tillery discussed the Parks & Recreation Commission bylaws that were last updated 2007. Lee stated that any changes to the bylaws would need a two-thirds vote of approval by the Commissioners before being sent to City Council for ultimate approval. Marshall directed the Commission members to look over the bylaws and email suggestions or comments to the Director and Assistant Director for discussion at the next meeting. He asked Jessi Heffner to email them out to everyone again.

Staff Reports

Lee Tillery gave an update on the Greenway Master Plan. The second steering committee meeting will be held this week. Planning for the High Point City Lake Park renovation project is 60% complete. City Council approved moving forward with construction documentation at their January 19 meeting. The old location of the Roy B. Culler, Jr. Senior Center has been sold and the center has been moved to the High Point University Community Center in Oak Hollow Mall. Guilford County Public Health is using the center a COVID vaccination site. Indoor programming at the Senior Center has not yet started back up.

Colten Marble stated that they have been operating with modifications. There are fishing and golf tournaments where social distancing can be monitored, and limited capacity can be controlled. Oak Hollow Sailing Club is looking at spring events.

Marshall Newsome mentioned the decrease in revenue but also an increase in PPE purchases and new expenses related to changing procedures. Marshall asked if the Department will be reimbursed and if the Department is receiving funds from the city, state, or federal level. Lee Tillery answered saying that the City is receiving some federal money under the CARES Act. The Department is tracking expenses and will find out if there will be

reimbursement. Tracy added that we received supplies such as paper towels, hand wipes, hand sanitizer and school supplies from a group partnering with the Guilford County Schools for the recreation centers offering programs for children.

Eugene Coleman announced the construction of a new picnic shelter at Washington Terrace Park has started and hopes to be finished by the end of April. The restrooms at the campground office have been renovated due to a leaking water heater issue.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Eric Abeles made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Brian Petty seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 5:30pm via Zoom.

Submitted by: Jessi Heffner | Reviewed by: Tracy Pegram | Approved by: Tracy Pegram